

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In regard to the application of Philippe RICHARD

Appln. No.: **10/643,734**

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Title: MANAGED INFORMATION TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRONIC
ITEMS IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

Conf. No.: 4101

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Examiner: J. Kim

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2007,
Applicant elects for immediate prosecution on the merits
Invention I, claims 1-13.

This election is made with traverse. Applicant
respectfully submits that it is not appropriate to split claims
18-26 into two separate groups. That is because the searches
would substantially overlap and any additional search necessary
to search all of claims 18-26 versus only claims 18-22 or only
claims 23-26 would be only marginal and would not constitute an
undue burden on the Examiner. For these reasons, Applicant
respectfully asks that the restriction requirement be modified
so that identified Inventions III and IV are consolidated for
examination together.

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PATENT APPLICATION

The Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is
authorized to charge any necessary fees, and conversely, deposit
any credit balance, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579.

Respectfully submitted,
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